Drum of
the Year

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

"Driver of the Year"
x 837
x Ward, Jack

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Driver-of-the-Year 1955
X Clemenson, Alard H.
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RELEASE TO PAPERS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26

RUNNER-UP AS NATION'S BEST DRIVER --- WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 25 ---

Alard H. Clemenson, 32, of Jamestown, North Dakota, tank truck-trailer driver for Dan Dugan Oil Transport Company, is one of three runners-up for the "Driver of the Year" title for 1955 in an annual contest sponsored by the American Trucking Associations. Clemenson, who has driven over 800,000 miles with only one minor accident, was cited for helping to save the life of a runaway accident victim. He formerly lived in Fargo and Moorhead, N. D.

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Washington 6, D. C.

Driver-of-the-Year
X Duke, Lewis O.

RELEASE TO PAPERS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24

RUNNER-UP AS NATION'S BEST DRIVER --- WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 23 --

Lewis O. Duke, 47, of Kansas City, Missouri, auto transport driver for Jack Cooper Transport Company, is one of the three runners-up in the annual "Driver of the Year" award. The contest is sponsored by the American Trucking Associations. Duke has driven nearly 1½ million miles in 24 years without a chargeable accident. He was selected because of his action in giving first aid and other assistance at the scene of an accident where a young mother and two children (one a four-month-old baby) were thrown from an overturned automobile.

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ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Driver-of-the-Year 1956
Wallace, Glenn Bernard

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RELEASE TO PAPERS OF SUNDAY, JUNE 24

ONE OF FOUR BEST TRUCK DRIVERS IN U. S. --- WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 23 - -

Glenn Bernard Wallace, 33, Philadelphia, Pa., auto transport truck driver for the Wilmington, Del., division of Anchor Motor Freight of Cleveland, Ohio, was selected one of three runners-up for the title "1956 Driver of the Year" in the annual contest sponsored by the American Trucking Associations. Wallace, who has driven more than a million commercial miles in the last 16 years without a chargeable accident, is credited with saving the life of a badly injured motorist whose car hit an abutment at an overpass on the Pennsylvania Turnpike during a snowstorm last winter.

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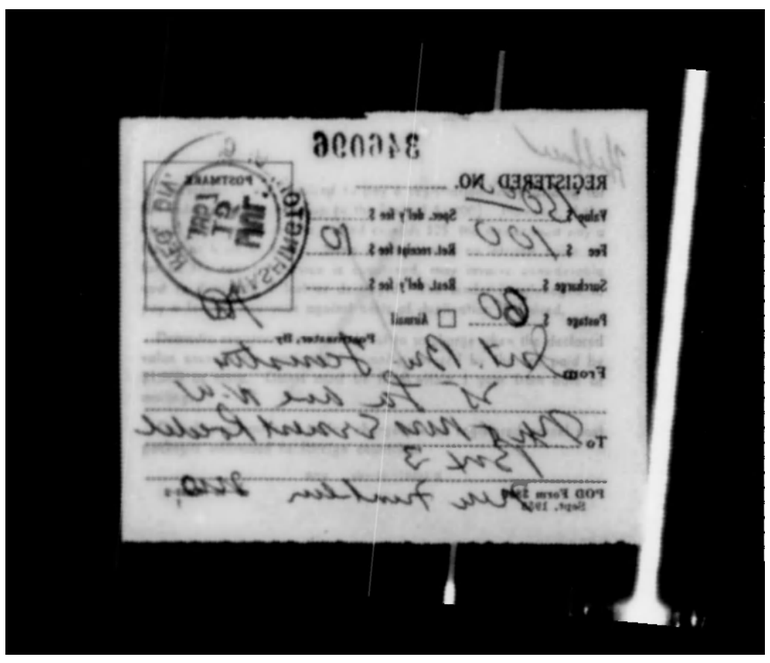

"Driver of the Year" - 1957
Roedel, Ernest +

July 15, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roedel
P O Box 3
New Franklin, Missouri

Dear friends :

Under separate cover, the watches presented to you by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America , have been mailed to you today.

It was a sincere pleasure to meet you on your visit to our International Headquarters Building last week , and I again congratulate you on your fine outstanding performance which won you the distinction of the "1957 Driver of the Year". This is a coveted honor, and we are proud that you are a member of our splendid International Union.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am

Fraternally,

Einar O. Mohn, Assistant
to the General President

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FROM THE OFFICE OF
DAVE BECK, GENERAL PRESIDENT
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS
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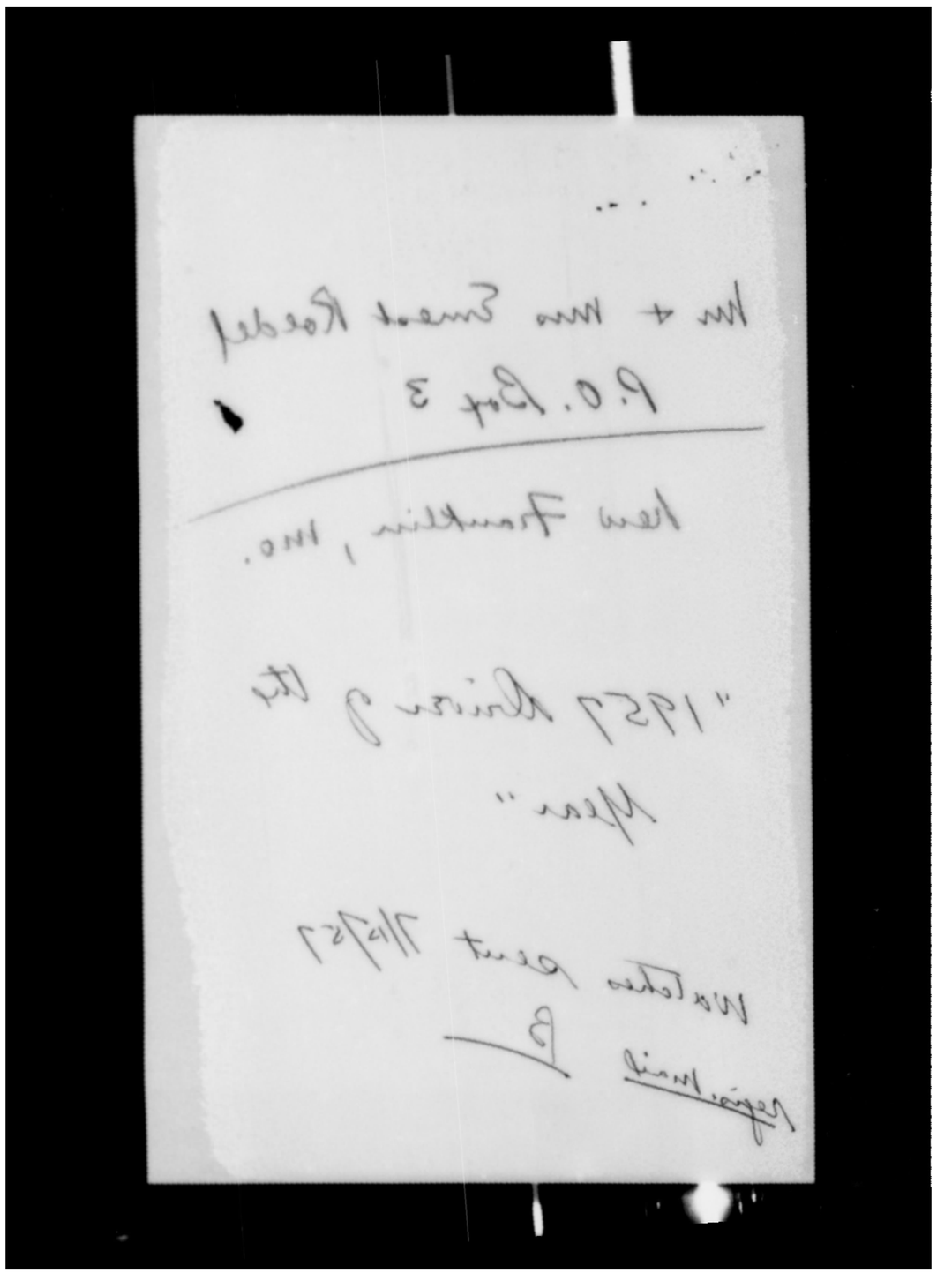

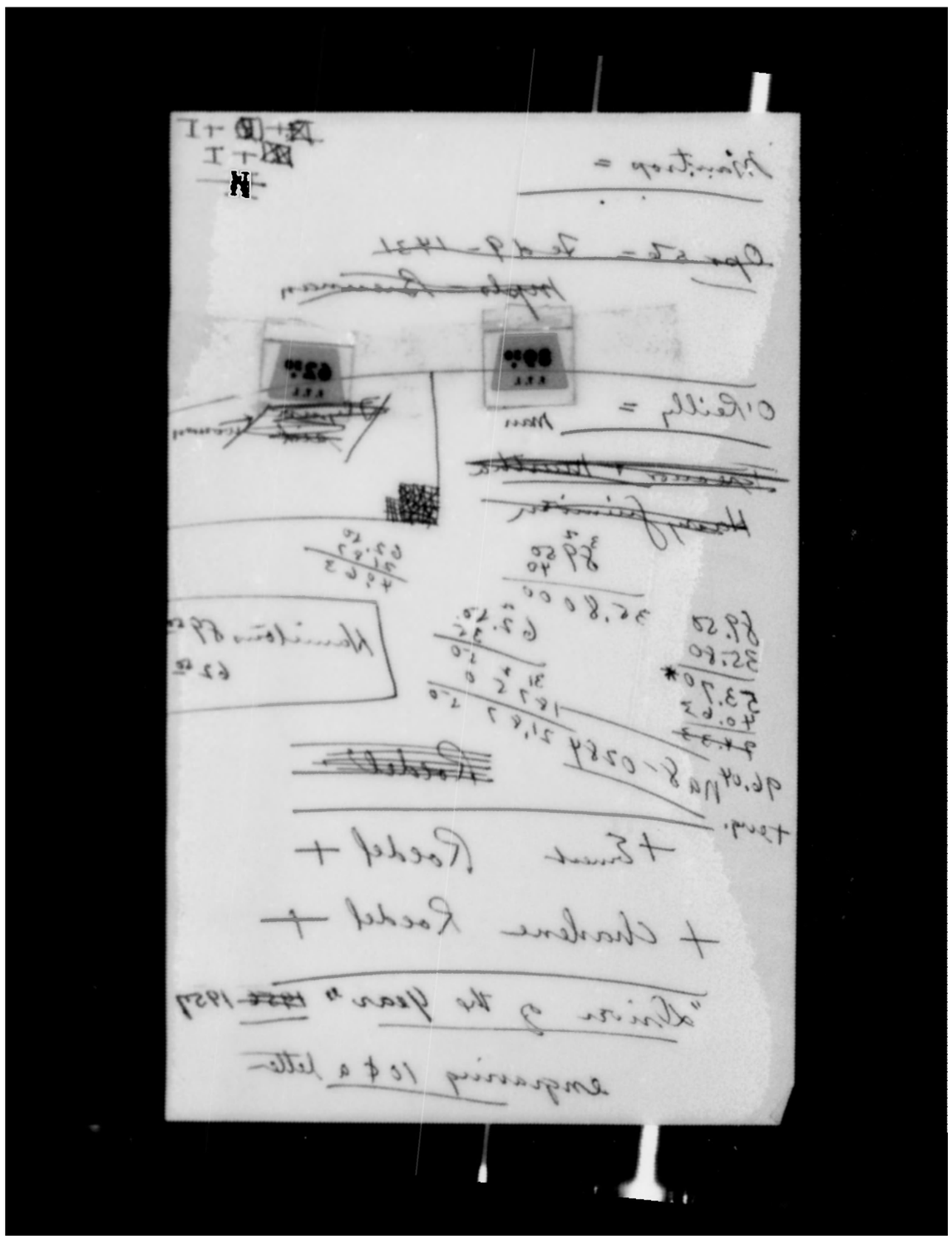

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May 29, 1956

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE
Drivers of the Year - 1952
X 100
X Teamster Library
X Benox Trucking, Inc.

Mr. Dave Beck, Editor
The International Teamster
25 Louisiana Avenue, N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The enclosed picture features Victor J. Boddie, member of Local No. 100 and employee of Benox Trucking, Inc., who has been selected as Ohio Driver-of-the-Year by the Ohio Trucking Association. We are also enclosing a spread from the Sunday Pictorial section of the Cincinnati Enquirer (edition of May 27) which features him.

We thought perhaps that you could use some of this material in a forthcoming edition of the Teamster.

Thank you for your consideration.

Personally yours,

JOHN W. MEADE
Business Representative

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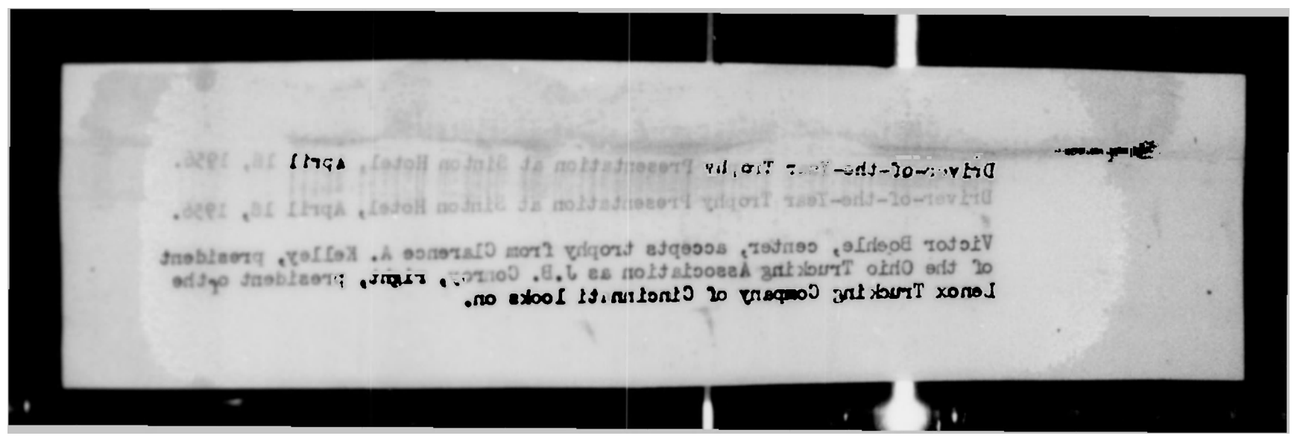

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Driver of the Year
x 100
x Arrington, Robert

Inter-Office Communication

From the Office of the General President

Date March 19, 1956

To Ranadell, Inc.
Att: Arch Mercy

Subject Member Local Union No. 100
Named Driver of the Month
Cincinnati, Ohio

The enclosed letter from the Business Representative of Local Union No. 100, Cincinnati, Ohio, with attached newspaper clipping regarding a member of that Local, Robert Arrington, being named Driver of the Month by the Ohio Trucking Association, is referred for your attention.

Robert L. Graham

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Encl

GEORGE P. STARLING, President
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March 16, 1956

Mr. Dave Beck, Editor
The International Teamster
25 Louisiana Avenue, N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Attached is a clipping from the Cincinnati Post of March 12, 1956, which concerns one of our members. We thought that it possibly could be used in an early edition of the Teamster.

Fraternally Yours,

EARL G. QUIGLEY
Business Representative

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Truck Driver Given Award

Robert Arlington, 38, of 2010 Ryan street, was named Driver of the Month by the Ohio Trucking Assn., Thursday. He received a $25 U. S. Savings Bond, a gold lapel pin and a certificate of merit.

The award was made in recognition of his quick action in saving the lives of two men pinned in a blazing, overturned car at Spring Grove avenue and Dooley Bypass, last Dec. 1. State-Driving Dec. Mr. Arlington trabbed a fire extinguisher from his tractor-trailer and extinguished the flames. He is a driver for the Dixie-Ohio Express, Inc.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

From: American Trucking Associations, Inc.
1424 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Driver of the Year
Pemberton, Floyd J.
X 1955

1955 DRIVER OF THE YEAR
TURNS DOWN DETROIT DINNER---
HIS "SCOUT TROOP" FOR THE DAY

WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 17----Floyd J. Pemberton, the trucking industry's 1955 Driver of the Year, is tall, heavy-set and healthy, and he has a hearty appetite, too.

Nevertheless, a dinner in honor of Mr. Pemberton and his wife, Bonnie, scheduled for June 28 at the Fort Shelby Hotel in Detroit, has been cancelled, the American Trucking Associations was notified today---and at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton.

The Hosanna Lutheran Church, of Redford Township, Detroit, and the church's Boy Scout troop, will be $200 richer as a result. Here's how it all happened:

The dinner had been slated by Trailmobile Inc., of Cincinnati, O., as part of the company's promotion program, the invitations were mailed, and everything was proceeding according to plan, when Mr. Pemberton wrote the following letter, addressed to Mr. Ray Van Beekum, president of Commercial Carriers, Inc., of Detroit, the company for which Mr. Pemberton drives:

"Dear Mr. Van Beekum:

"You know how much I appreciate all the things people have done for me since I won the Driver of the Year award, first in Michigan, and then the ATA award.

"Bonnie and I thought going to Washington and New York, and meeting Ike was almost the best thing that ever happened to us, and I've had my picture taken more times than I ever thought it would happen in my lifetime. Now they are having another dinner for me in Detroit.

"Everybody has been so good to us that we think we have had our share and maybe some others should have a part of it. I have talked this over with Bonnie and

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we think maybe instead of having this dinner in Detroit and people spending all that money on us they could donate it to charity.

"That way we can make a lot of people happy and do a lot of good too. We really think this would be a wonderful thing since I have already had more than one man deserves. I did not do anything any other driver wouldn't do too.

"Maybe if the people that are giving this dinner would do this they could give the money to my church and my boy scout troop. I know they could use the money.

"If you feel the way I do that this is a good idea, will you talk to the Trailmobile people and ask them if that is all right. I would like it and I am sure the church and the scouts would too."

Preston L. Huband, safety director of Commercial Carriers, Inc., sent Mr. Pemberton's letter along to William A. Burns, Jr., president of Trailmobile Inc., in Cincinnati, and Mr. Burns wrote to the Driver of the Year as follows:

"Dear Mr. Pemberton:

"Mr. Huband sent us your letter, and asked us what we thought. We think it's fine.

"We think it proves what we all have known all along---that you and your wife are worthy of all the honor you have received, and the additional honor you have turned down.

"We have $500 in our budget for the "Driver of the Year" dinner. We'll be happy to donate it to charity in your and your wife's names. The Scouts and your Church suit us fine. We'll split the amount any way you say. Just let us know who to send checks to.

"We had planned to present you with a TV set and the "Driver of the Year" trophy at the dinner. The TV set is on its way to you now. Our Detroit branch manager, Dale Vredenburg, will deliver it to you. The trophy will be on display at your office in Detroit, and we'll present it to you officially at the Michigan Trucking Association convention this fall.

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"I'm sorry I won't get to meet you this month, but I hope it won't be long before I do. I'd like to shake the hand that has done so much for others."

As a result of all this, members of the Michigan Trucking Association, Inc., a member organization of American Trucking Associations, have just received the following note from William W. Johnston, managing director of the Michigan association:

"You recently received notice of a dinner to be held at the Fort Shelby Hotel on June 28, 1955, to honor Floyd J. Pemberton, Michigan and National Driver of the Year.

"This dinner has been postponed indefinitely for reasons, and we might add, most commendable reasons, which a quick perusal of the above correspondence will disclose.

"Mr. Pemberton's declination of additional honors seem to indicate that a more modest, unassuming, gentleman could not have been chosen as symbolic of the nation's trucking industry."

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(Cut lines with Driver of the Year)

May 6, 1955

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE
Drivers of the Year
X Pembrokes, Lloyd
X Lyons
Invitation

"DRIVER OF THE YEAR" MEETS TEAMSTERS PRESIDENT

Dave Beck, general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL, is shown presenting gift watches to Mr. & Mrs. Floyd J. Pemberton of Detroit.

Pemberton, a member of Teamsters and Chauffeurs Local 580 in Lansing, Michigan, was named "Driver of the Year" for his heroism in saving the lives of two women trapped in a flaming automobile.

Pemberton, an active union member, is the father of two boys. He was wounded in landings on Saipan and Okinawa during World War II, and received the Purple Heart with clusters.

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AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

1424 SIXTEENTH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

Office of the President
NEIL J. CURRY

May 2, 1955

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE
Drivers of the Year
X Pembrokes, Lloyd
X Lyons
Invitation

Mr. Dave Beck
President
International Brotherhood
of Teamsters, Warehousemen
and Chauffeurs
100 Indiana Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dave:

We should be honored to have you join us at a small luncheon, Friday, May 6, for Floyd J. Pemberton of Detroit, Michigan, recently selected the trucking industry's "Driver of the Year". Mr. Pemberton is a driver for Commercial Carriers of Detroit.

The luncheon will be entirely informal and quite brief, lasting no more than an hour to an hour and a half. It will be held in the South American Room at the Statler Hotel, 12 noon, following Mr. Pemberton's introduction to President Eisenhower.

I sincerely hope you will find it possible to be with us. An acknowledgment by your secretary, by phone, will suffice, and will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Curry
President

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AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE
Driver of the Year
Bailey, Lawrence
X 8.9.1

Denver, Colorado
August 10, 1952

Mr. Elmer John
International Teamsters Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. John:

My wife and I wish to thank you for the beautiful watches that you presented to us while we were in Washington, D.C. We can't tell you how much we appreciate them.

We were very happy to have had the honor of meeting you and hope that in the future we might do so again.

We also want to thank you for the autographed pictures. We are very proud to be able to show it to our family and friends.

Again, we both wish to thank you for everything.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Van Bailey

Lawrence V. Bailey
"Driver of the Year"
2107 Grove,
Denver, Colorado

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Driver of the Year
Bailey, Homer

X 8.7.61

Inter-Office Communication

From the Office of: Public Relations

Date: June 1, 1964

To: Mr. Mohn

Subject: Award to Homer Bailey

Homer W. Bailey will be accompanied by Mrs Bailey and John McGill of the American Trucking Associations.

In addition, all three major news services have been contacted. I have sent press releases to the Denver Post, all Washington Papers and the Labor Press. UP Photos will cover, and there will be a photographer from Rangefall.

Incidental Info for you: Bailey is a member of Line Drivers Local 981, Denver, Colo. He has well over a million miles of safe Driving to his credit which is a good tie-in for Safety Truck Check.

C. Rogers

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON - June 2, 1954 -- The International Brotherhood of Teamsters will present an award to Brother Joner V. Bailey, the trucking industry's "Driver of the Year" and Mrs. Bailey, in a brief ceremony at 11:00 A.M. tomorrow (June 3) at the Union's International Headquarters, 100 Indiana Avenue, N.W.

Bailey, who is a member of Line Drivers Local 901, Denver, Colorado, will be greeted by Mr. Einar Mohn, Assistant to General President Dave Beck.

In commenting on the award, Mr. Mohn stated that "Brother Bailey is being honored by this International Union in recognition of his outstanding record as a safe driver, and in appreciation of the distinction he has brought the International Brotherhood of Teamsters by being chosen 1954's 'Driver of the Year.'"

Following the presentation of the award, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey will be taken on a tour of the Teamsters new Headquarters Building, currently under construction at 25 Louisiana Ave., N.W.

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TRANSPORTATION

American Trucking Associations, Inc.
1424 Sixteenth St., N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, JUNE 1 --- President Eisenhower today congratulated Homer W. Bailey, the trucking's industry "Driver of the Year," on his long safety record and discussed with Bailey at the White House the high death toll on the highways over the week-end holiday.

The President asked Bailey about his own safety record of 1,190,000 miles without a chargeable accident and the rules he followed to achieve such a record.

"It's simple," Bailey replied. "Just take no chances. Most people know what they should do but too many of them don't do it."

Mr. Eisenhower said his own driver never took any chances, but managed to get over the road in good time. He said his driver would let anyone blurf him on the road because he doesn't want to risk a collision.

In discussing the holiday death toll, Mr. Eisenhower said people talk about the horrors of war, but they kill even more people on the highways than in battle.

After speaking about highway safety, the President discussed with Bailey their mutual fondness for Denver and the fishing in Colorado's streams. Bailey a driver for Buckingham Transportation, Inc., of Rapid City, South Dakota, is 5 feet 9 inches in height and is an ardent fisherman and hunter, in his spare time.

As the "Driver of the Year" representing the trucking industry, Bailey presented the President with a large replica of a tractor-trailer truck for his grandson, and other presents for his granddaughters.

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Presentation of the tractor-trailer truck and discussion of the President's grandchildren brought Mrs. Bailey into the conversation, and the three talked about the President's grandchildren and the Bailey's four children.

The Bailey children remained at home in the care of a nurse while their parents are on their current tour of Washington and New York. In New York they will stay at the Waldorf Astoria hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were accompanied to the White House by Robert B. Murray Jr., Under Secretary for Transportation of the U.S. Department of Commerce; Jack Cole, president of the American Trucking Associations, Inc.; John V. Lawrence, managing director of the A.T.A.; Walter W. Bolson, assistant to the president of A.T.A., and Coley D. Southmayer, A.T.A.'s director of safety.

Following the visit to the White House, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were guests of honor at a luncheon given by the American Trucking Associations, at the Hotel Statler. At the luncheon, Mr. Cole presented Mr. Bailey with the safety trophy awarded annually to the industry's "Driver of the Year."

Bailey was chosen "Driver of the Year" for quick thinking and decisive action in the rescue of a Texas oil field worker, his wife and two children in a highway accident near Torrington, Wyo., on January 23, 1956.

The victims of the accident, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Craig, and the children, a boy and a girl, were made unconscious when their house trailer broke loose from their car and smashed into a bridge, causing the car to plunge down a 40-foot embankment into a ravine.

Bailey, en route from Newcastle, Wyo., to Denver, came upon the accident, stopped his truck and went into action. The wreckage of the trailer blocked the bridge, so Bailey immediately put out flares to protect other traffic then set about with his rescue work.

First he found the children in the wreckage of the car, the boy apparently choking from a badly gashed tongue. Bailey put both children into the car of a motorist and sent them to a hospital in Cheyenne.

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Meanwhile a state highway patrolman had arrived and ordered an ambulance to take the Craigs to a hospital in Torrington. There it was found that Mrs. Craig had suffered a broken back and a broken pelvis, but all the victims recovered and have returned to Texas.

In February, 1953, the Wyoming Trucking Association chose Bailey as the state's "Driver of the Month," and later nominated him for the coveted national award offered by the American Trucking Associations.

Bailey has two "Driver of the Month" awards to his credit as the result of help to motorists on the highways, and has received several added commendations for similar service. Bailey drives over a regular route three trips weekly, and has driven more than 1,150,000 miles without a chargeable accident. He also holds two 4-year American Trucking Associations' safe driving awards, one for the period 1945 to 1949 and the other 1949 to 1953.

Bailey's wife, Fern Belle Bailey, is a 36-year-old gray-eyed Wyoming girl whom Bailey met while driving for Buckingham. They have four children, Jay Dee, aged 6; Terry Jeane, 3½; Jerry Lee, 20 months old, and Betty Jo, 3 months old.

Bailey tops the seniority list of Buckingham's Denver division, is a member of Line Drivers' Local 961 of Denver; is shop steward for the terminal, and is well-liked and respected by employes and management.

Bailey was chosen "Driver of the Year" over nominees of state associations all over the country by a committee of judges composed of Robert B. Murray, Jr., Under Secretary of Commerce for Transportation; W. Y. Blanning, Director of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Arthur C. Butler, Director of the National Highway Users Conference.

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